

I-95 at Pioneer Trail Interchange

Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

from Williamson Boulevard to Turnbull Bay Road
Volusia County

Financial Project ID No. (FPID): 436292-1

PUBLIC HEARING

September 30, 2020
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Live webinar and in-person
at the Brannon Center
105 S. Riverside Drive
New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32186

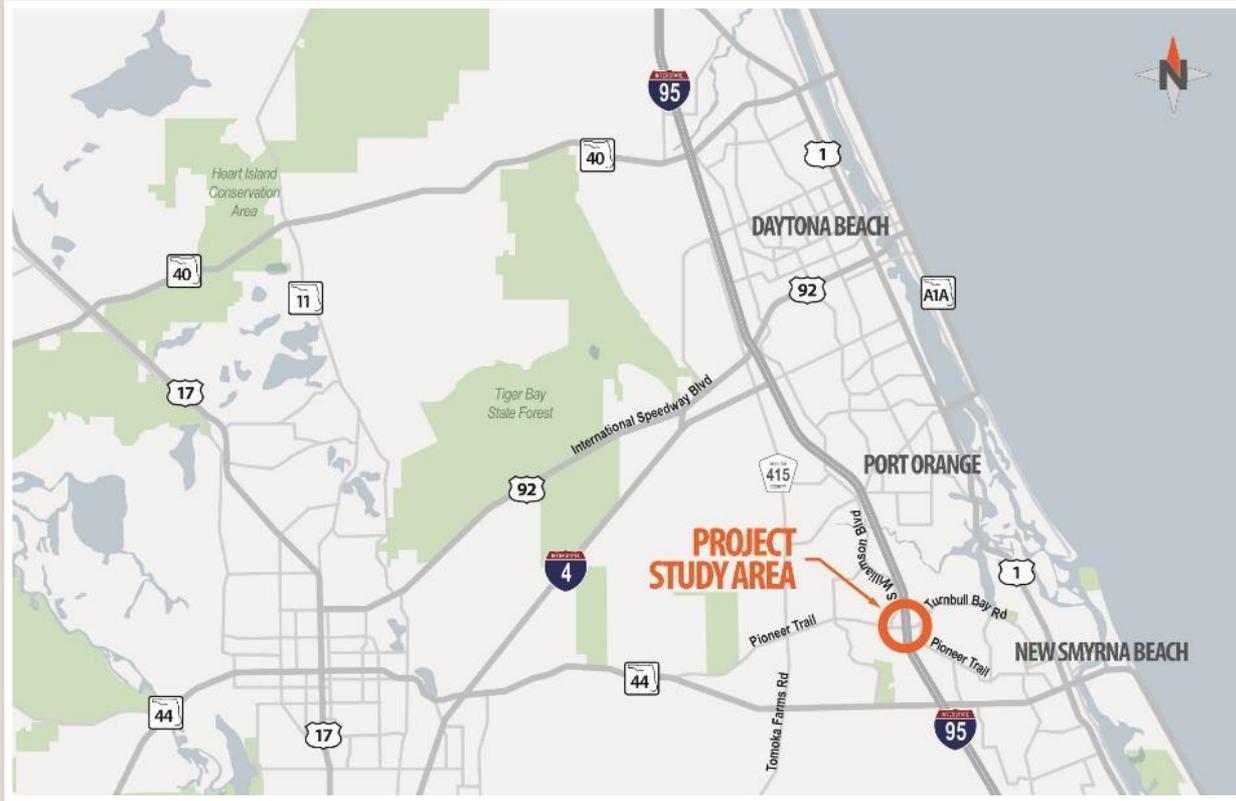


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Welcome



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Hearing Purpose and Speakers

The purpose of this public hearing is to share information with the general public about the proposed improvement, its conceptual design, all alternatives under study, and the potential benefit and adverse social, economic, and environmental impacts upon the community.

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**Project Consultant
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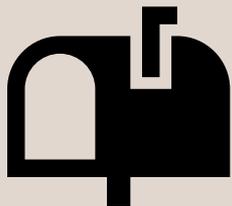


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Public Notice



Property owner/tenant letters



Emails to project contacts list



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Florida Administrative Register



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NEPA Assignment

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to Title 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.



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Public Hearing Format

- ❖ Presentation
 - Project Overview
 - Purpose and Need
 - Study Alternatives
 - Recommended Alternative
 - Evaluation Factors
 - Next Steps
- ❖ Formal Public Comment Period



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How do we get there?

THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



Note: Start date for each individual phase depends on funding availability

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What is a PD&E Study?

A Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study is an environmental and engineering process used to document social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with a proposed transportation improvement project.

- ❖ The process to analyze a transportation project includes:
 - Engineering Analysis
 - Identify potential design solutions
 - Environmental Evaluations
 - Evaluate potential impacts to the natural, social, and physical environments
 - Public Involvement
 - Inform and involve interested parties
 - Seek public input

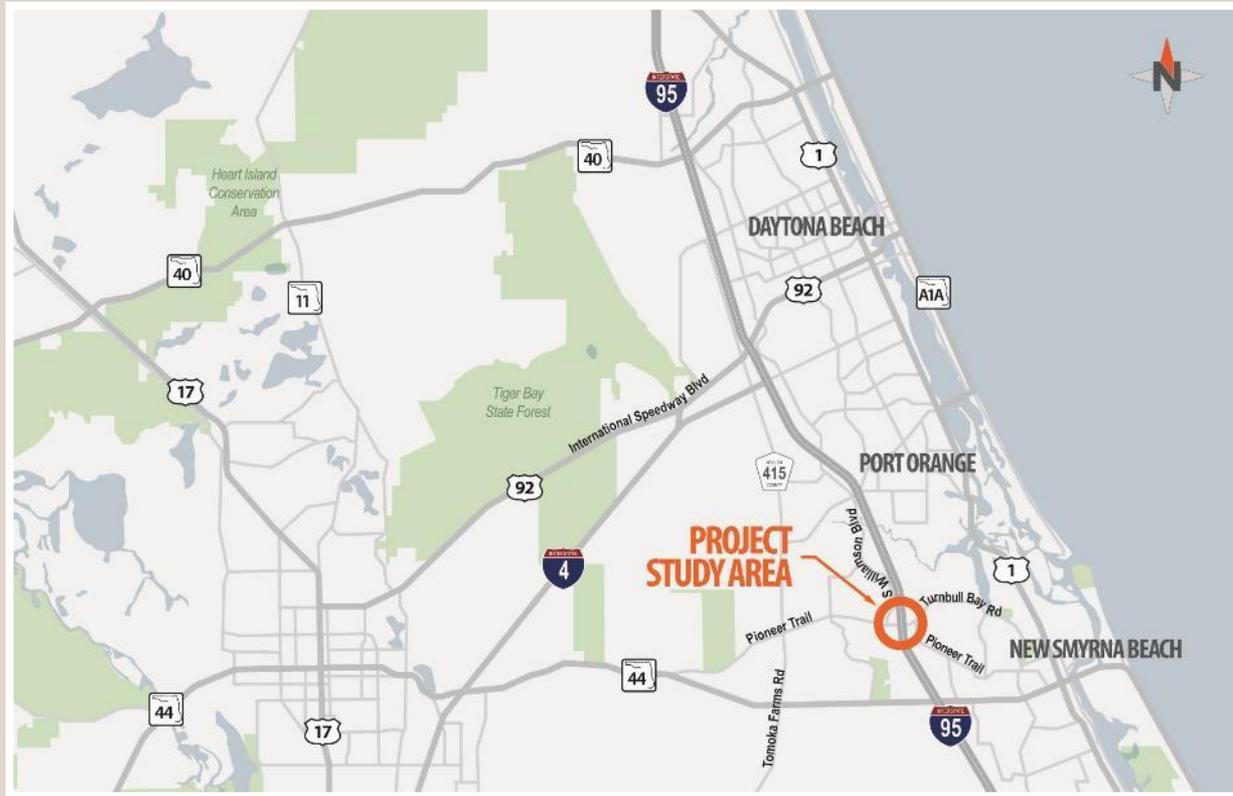


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Study Location



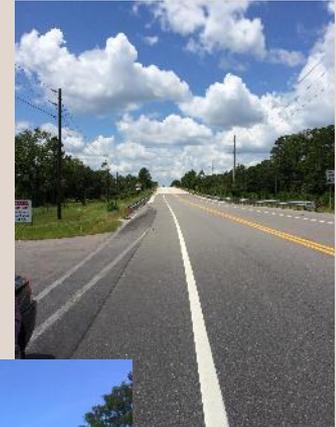
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Purpose and Need

- ❖ Sustain projected future growth while preserving the character of existing communities and environment
- ❖ Improve regional mobility in southeast Volusia County
- ❖ Improve traffic safety
- ❖ Enhance emergency evacuation and safety
- ❖ Included in River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Priority Projects



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Alternatives Considered

- ❖ No Build Alternative
- ❖ Three (3) Build Alternatives
 - Diamond Interchange
 - Partial Cloverleaf #1 – Includes southbound loop off-ramp
 - Partial Cloverleaf #2 – Includes southbound and northbound loop off-ramps



Diamond Interchange



Partial Cloverleaf #1



Partial Cloverleaf #2



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Public Engagement

- ❖ Public Kickoff Meeting – June 13, 2018
 - Opposition – increased traffic volumes and potential environmental impacts
 - In support – improved interstate access and emergency evacuation

- ❖ Alternatives Public Meeting – April 30, 2019
 - 28 comments in support of the No Build Alternative
 - 61 comments in support of an interchange
 - 12 - Diamond interchange
 - 0 – Partial Cloverleaf #1
 - 43 – Partial Cloverleaf #2
 - 6 – No preferred alternative



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Evaluation Criteria

- ❖ Cultural
- ❖ Social and Economic
- ❖ Natural
- ❖ Physical
- ❖ Engineering
- ❖ Project Cost



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Alternatives Evaluation Matrix

Evaluation Factors	Alternative							
	No Build		Diamond		Partial Cloverleaf 1		Partial Cloverleaf 2	
PLANNING CONSISTENCY								
Consistency with Long Range Transportation Plan	NO		YES		YES		YES	
SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT								
# of Parcels Impacted	N/A		16		16		16	
# of Potential Relocations	N/A		1		1		1	
Total Right of Way required (acres)	N/A		81.5		85.1		79.5	
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT								
Potentially Contaminated Sites	N/A		4 – LOW, 1- MEDIUM		4 – LOW, 1- MEDIUM		3 – LOW, 1- MEDIUM	
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT								
Wetland Impacts (acres)	N/A		46.0		47.3		47.0	
Cultural Impacts	N/A		0		0		0	
Floodplain Impacts (acre-feet)	N/A		7.6		7.7		7.7	
Wildlife Impacts	N/A		0		0		0	
ENGINEERING ANALYSIS								
Traffic Operations - Delay*	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
S.R. 421 – Dunlawton Avenue (sec/veh)	78.9	57.6	23.3	21.9	23.3	21.9	23.3	21.9
Pioneer Trail (sec/veh)	N/A	N/A	28.9	21.0	26.3	25.2	22.2	15.6
S.R. 44 (sec/veh)	97.8	26.1	24.4	19.2	24.4	19.2	24.4	19.2
Bike/Pedestrian/ADA	NO IMPROVEMENTS		BIKE LANES & SIDEWALKS		BIKE LANES & SIDEWALKS		BIKE LANES & SIDEWALKS	
Emergency Evacuation	NO IMPROVEMENTS		BETTER – ADDITIONAL ACCESS		BETTER – ADDITIONAL ACCESS		BETTER – ADDITIONAL ACCESS	
Estimated Roadway Construction Cost (includes MOT, Mobilization and Contingencies)	\$0		\$39,950,000		\$41,320,000		\$36,800,000	

*Amount of delay experienced by drivers while traveling through an intersection.



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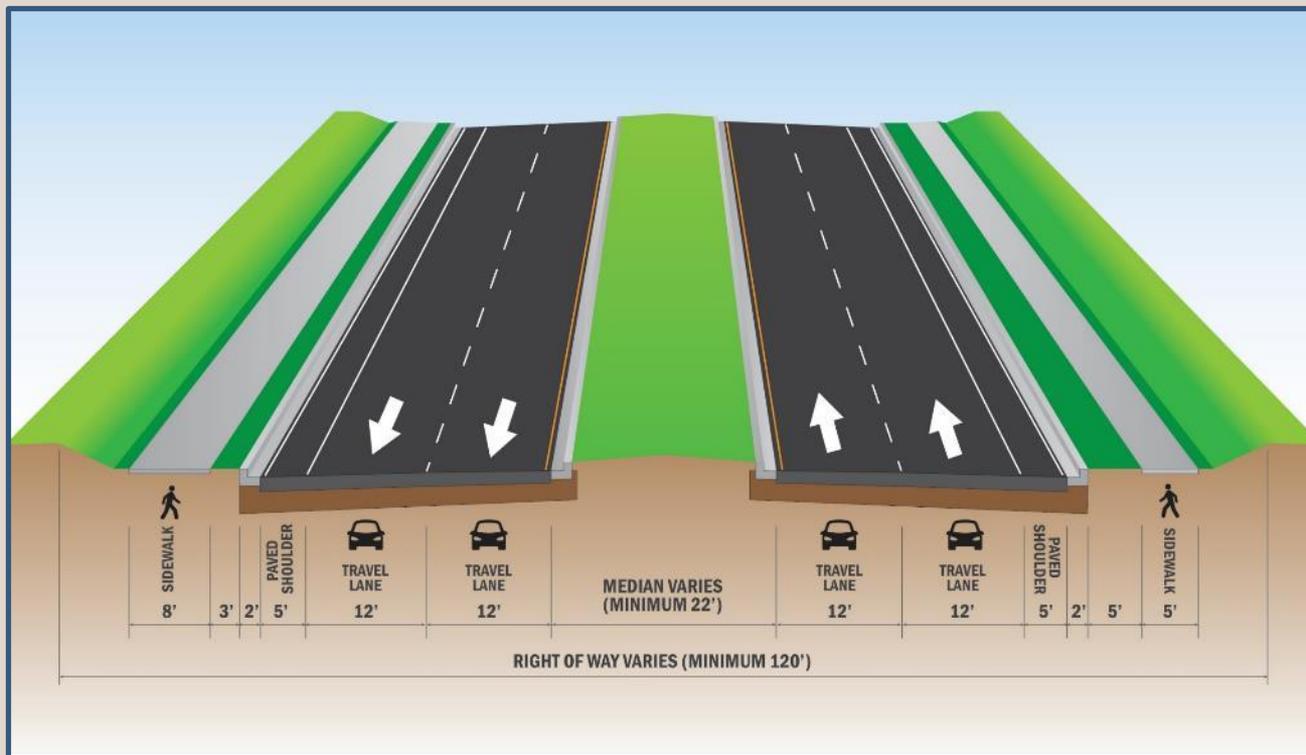
Preferred Alternative Partial Cloverleaf 2



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Preferred Typical Section Pioneer Trail

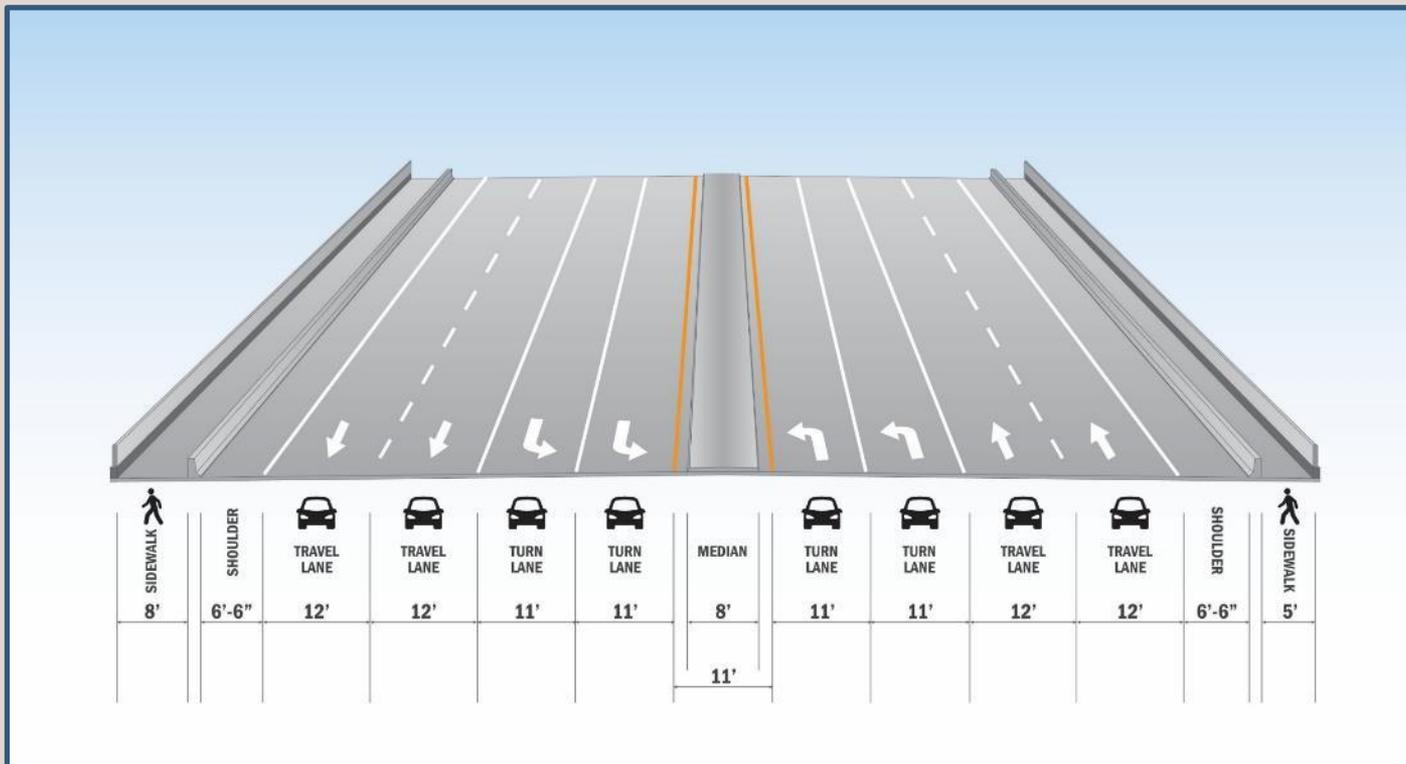


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Preferred Bridge Typical Section

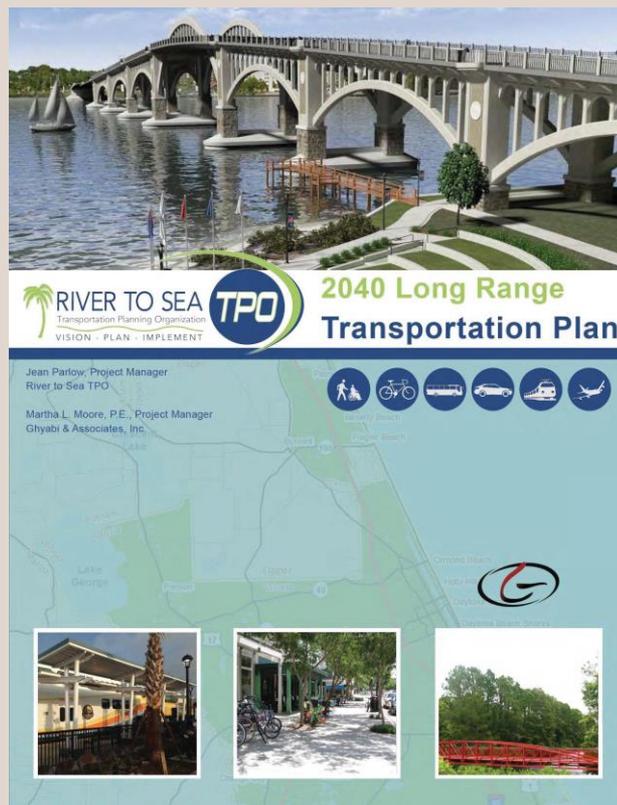


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Social and Economic

- ❖ Consistent with Adopted Plans
 - Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)
 - River to Sea TPO (R2CTPO)
 - State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
 - Local (Volusia County) Project
- ❖ Community Impacts
 - One (1) potential relocation
- ❖ Economic Development
 - Increase access and enhance mobility
 - Support future development
 - Support local economy and employment through construction activity

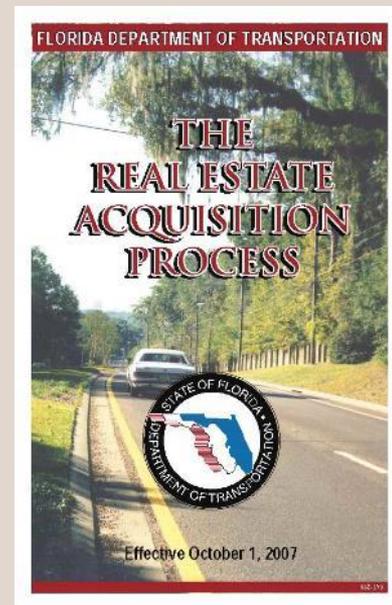


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Right-of-Way Requirements

- ❖ 79.5 acres needed
 - Roadway and drainage
- ❖ One (1) potential relocation anticipated
- ❖ Right-of-way acquisition process
 - Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970
 - FDOT Real Estate Acquisition Process



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Cultural/Historic Resources and Section 4(f)

- ❖ Conducted in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966; the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; and Chapter 267, Florida Statutes
- ❖ Historic Resources - two previously recorded historic linear resources
 - Fort Kingsbury to New Smyrna Road (8VO07656)
 - Pioneer Trail (8VO07660)
 - Neither were recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)
 - The project will have NO EFFECT on NRHP-listed or –eligible historic properties
- ❖ Archeological Resources
 - No artifacts and no archeological sites or occurrences identified
- ❖ Section 4(f) Properties
 - None identified



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Wetlands and Floodplains

- ❖ Wetland Impacts
 - 46.9 acres
 - 17 wetlands affected
- ❖ There are two permitted mitigation banks that meet both state and federal criteria to offset impacts from the project
- ❖ Floodplain Impacts
 - 7.7 acre-feet of encroachment
- ❖ 8.7 acre-feet of compensatory storage will be provided to offset impacts



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Wildlife and Habitat

- ❖ In accordance with Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 402 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended
- ❖ Potential for six (6) federally protected animals and three (3) federally protected plants to occur within the study area
 - “May affect, but not likely to adversely affect”
 - Eastern Indigo Snake
 - Florida Scrub-jay
 - Bald Eagle
 - Wood Stork
 - Rugel’s Pawpaw
 - Okeechobee Gourd
 - “No effect” determination
 - Everglade snail kite
 - Red-cockaded woodpecker and
 - Fragrant prickly apple
- ❖ No adverse effects are anticipated with State-protected plant or animals
- ❖ No involvement with Essential Fish Habitat



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Air Quality and Noise Evaluations

❖ Air Quality

- Performed using methodology established in the FDOT Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Manual, Part 2, Chapter 19
- Project is in an attainment area
- Criteria pollutants under National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) are considered to be at an acceptable level

❖ Noise Evaluation

- Completed in accordance with the CFR Title 23, part 772 (23 CFR 772) and Section 335.17, Florida Statutes
- No noise sensitive areas or noise receptors within the project study area



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Potential Contamination Sites

- ❖ Contamination Screening Evaluation conducted and identified five potential sites located in the southeast quadrant of the proposed interchange area
 - Four (4) Low-Risk Sites
 - Sampling Station #27080084
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 - USGS Site 1
 - USGS Well #8455
 - One (1) Medium-Risk Site
- ❖ Level II Impact to Construction Assessments (ICAs) recommended by FDOT for the Medium-Risk Site



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Utilities

- ❖ Utilities within the project area
 - Electric/ Power
 - Power transmission line on the west side of the interstate
 - Communications
- ❖ Coordination with utility owners to minimize impacts
 - Majority of utilities are located within the existing right of way by permit
 - The Florida Power and Light facility is an existing easement
 - City of New Smyrna Beach Utilities Commission power easement in the southwest quadrant



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Stormwater and Drainage Evaluation

- ❖ St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD), FDOT and applicable Volusia County criteria
- ❖ Project area within Spruce Creek Watershed in the Northern Coastal Basin
 - Spruce Creek is an Outstanding Florida Water (OFW)
- ❖ Wet Detention Ponds
 - Six (6) new proposed and one (1) existing modified
 - Minimize offsite impacts
 - Existing cross drains will be abandoned. New roadside ditches and new cross culverts will be added
- ❖ Portions of project lie within 100-year floodplain
 - Five (5) floodplain compensation ponds proposed
 - No adverse impacts are anticipated to the 100-year flood stage



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Project Costs

Roadway Construction	\$ 36,805,000
Construction Engineering & Inspection	\$ 3,681,000
Engineering Design	\$ 4,049,000
Right-of-Way	\$ 7,698,000
Utilities	\$ 1,900,000
Mitigation	\$ 4,000,000
Estimated Total Cost	\$ 58,133,000



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Next Steps

- ❖ PD&E Study Phase
 - Study complete - Winter 2021
- ❖ Design Phase
 - Preliminary design work is on-going
 - Final design plans - Spring 2021
- ❖ Right of Way
 - Acquisition is planned to begin in 2021
- ❖ Construction
 - Currently Unfunded



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Draft Study Documents

- ❖ Draft documents were available for review starting September 9, 2020 and will remain on display until October 21, 2020 at:
 - New Smyrna Beach Regional Library
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Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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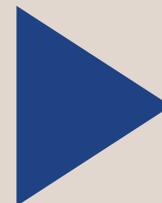
Please submit public hearing comments by October 21, 2020



Responses to comments and questions will be provided later.



All comments and questions will be part of the public hearing record.



All registrants will receive a link to the hearing recording.

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Formal Public Comment Period

- ❖ Virtual Attendees
 - Request to speak via the Questions Pane
- ❖ In-Person Attendees
 - Public comment at the microphone (speaker card)
 - OR speak individually to the court reporter

SPEAKER REQUEST CARD		Number
 <i>To be completed prior to making a recorded statement</i>		
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Conclusion



Type comments or questions in the Questions Pane on the control panel.

After hearing, by October 21, 2020

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